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## Border Incident Funeral

(By "Paul Pry")  
The funeral of Cheung Tim-cheung, the "innocent bystander" who was shot and killed a short while ago when Commandos on the New Territories border went to action stations after their officer had been menaced with a revolver, proved pretty much of a flop yesterday. The expected anti-British demonstration fizzled out, possibly because commonsense for once prevailed.

A British correspondent who was on the border for the greater part of the day furnished me with the following account last night.  
"When I arrived at the British post about 10 a.m. there was nothing to indicate that any untoward happenings were feared. The Commandos were going about their routine duties of searching incoming and outgoing vehicles and pedestrians. At the far side of the bridge, about thirty yards inside Chinese territory, in a canvas-roofed shed, was the coffin of the deceased, supported on trestles. Two women were squatting behind and almost under it. A fruit-vendor's stall was doing business in the shed, almost at the head of the coffin. White calico banners bearing anti-British inscriptions hung in front.  
"In addition to the regular Commando Unit Assistant Superintendent Searle of the Hong Kong Police was in the vicinity all day. About 11.30 a.m. Captain Ling of the Chinese Gendarmerie crossed into British territory, and in the course of a talk with Mr. Searle, informed him that there was likely to be some disturbance when the burial took place in the afternoon, but promised that his men would do their best to check any incursion into British territory.  
"Gendarmes began to line up on the Chinese bank about 12.20, when there was only a small group of Chinese around the coffin. Men could be seen at work excavating the grave which was just alongside the shed containing the coffin.  
"At 1.30 p.m. Mr. N.M. Lam, Superintendent of Shum Chun Police Station crossed into British territory, and remained conversing with Mr. Searle until the funeral demonstration was over. Ten minutes later the Bridge was closed and a procession could be seen winding its way to the spot from the direction of Shum Chun. It consisted of about five hundred persons, most of whom were schoolboys and schoolgirls, each carrying a white flag with an anti-British slogan. At the head marched two students with a long white banner stretched between two poles, with a Chinese inscription denouncing the brutality of the British soldiery. School banners were also carried.  
"The procession made as if to cross Cheung's Bridge, but was headed off by Gendarmes, and remained for some minutes marking time, facing the British outpost. There was a motley crowd of perhaps four or five hundred persons on the Chinese bank, who spent most of the time facing British territory, evidently expecting some action there.  
"A little later, raucous voices could be heard addressing the crowd, and urging the return of Hong Kong and Kowloon, and protests to the British Government etc. Then there was a scarping discharge of fire-crackers, a band played a Chinese funeral march, and the procession, faced about and returned to Shum Chun. The body was not, as originally intended, paraded through that city, but was interred in the presence of a handful of spectators, an hour later.  
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**LEAFLET BOMBS EXPLODE**  
Jerusalem, Dec. 14.  
Two Jews were injured in Tel-Aviv tonight when leaflet bombs prepared by the Jewish terrorist organization, Irgun Zvai Leumi, exploded in several parts of the city.—Reuter.

## REPORT ON CHINA Common People Not Interested In KMT-Communist Feud

### "Cannot Afford A Civil War"

**ONLY TWO BATTLESHIPS**  
London, Dec. 15.  
The "Sunday Dispatch" said today that the Royal Navy by the end of the year will have only of two battleships—H.M.S. "Vanguard" and the Home Fleet flagship, H.M.S. "Duke of York."  
The newspaper said this figure is the lowest battleship force that Britain has at any time between the two world wars.—United Press.

## Babies Hit By Mystery Disease

London, Dec. 15.  
The British Medical Association and medical men at hospitals throughout the country are investigating a mystery disease which has resulted in the deaths of over 20 babies in widely separated towns in England.  
Dr. Guy Dain, the chairman of the B.M.A., has said that the organization takes a grave view of the deaths. He gave assurance, however, that with the help of the country's medical authorities they hoped soon to have the disease under control.  
Deaths have been reported from Leicester, Preston and also at the University city of Oxford, where the maternity ward of the hospital has been closed for a week. In the last cases, however, no deaths have been reported.  
The victims of the disease display the symptoms of gastroenteritis—inflammation of the stomach and the intestines. The patient loses weight and finally collapses.  
The medical officer at Preston gave this advice to expectant mothers: "Have your baby at home whenever possible until the puzzle of the disease is solved."  
He added the maternity hospital accommodation was desperately short and might be one of the contributory causes of the disease.  
All known cases of death have occurred among babies born in hospitals. Those born at home and whose breast fed appear to be immune.  
A Ministry of Health inquiry is likely to be held into the cause of death. Last night a Ministry spokesman said the outbreaks bore this similarity, that no organism has been found.—Reuter.

## Negotiations With Britain Demanded

Basle, Dec. 15.  
Isaac Grunbaum, Palestine member of the Jewish Agency Executive, called for a Jewish state in the whole of Palestine and recommended today further negotiations with Britain "to break through the British policy of keeping the Jews in a minority in Palestine."  
Grunbaum's speech before the 22nd World Zionist Congress included a debate on political issues revolving about main questions of whether to send representatives to London for a conference on Palestine and whether to agree to partitioning of Palestine or insist upon a Jewish state.  
The issues go now to a political commission which will consider arguments that have been heard and formulate resolutions in closed chamber.  
The commission's resolutions will be submitted to the plenary session in about a week.  
**At Odds**  
The political commission consists of 30 representatives of the Congress chosen according to proportionate strength of each party at the Congress of which the numerically strongest group is the General Zionists—mainly from the United States and England.  
Most of the General Zionist speakers thus far have favoured participation in the London conference, but some American and British representatives have been at odds on the issue.

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## TROUBLE IN BULGARIA

Athens, Dec. 14.  
Unconfirmed but persistent reports of agrarian uprisings in southern Bulgaria came from the Greek-Bulgarian border today.  
After nightfall, the reports said, "strong movements" of armed people were noticed beyond the Bulgarian frontier and later explosions and rocket signals were seen near Dimitritsi, opposite the Greek outpost of Koula.  
All day yesterday, it was said, Bulgarian frontier guards were expecting orders to stand by.—Reuter.

## Sinatra Ousts The Sergeant

Washington, Dec. 15.  
Hard boiled American sergeants, past and present, will pale at this. The U.S. Army has just called in singer Frankie Sinatra to help teach recruits how to fire a gun.  
The Army disclosed it is using soft music, including records by Sinatra, on rifle range neophytes.  
The first tests at nearby Fort Belvoir, Virginia, have brought in astonishing results, the Army said.  
Never in the history of the fort has an entire company of 200 passed its qualifying trial the first time it tried. Never, that is, until Sinatra helped the Army out.  
Here is the way it works:—A public address system is wheeled out to the rifle range, and the music starts. Soft music—soothing music, Sinatra music.  
Captain G. R. Ford, range officer, said the new recruit soon becomes relaxed. And since he is relaxed he finds it much easier to shoot a decent score.  
Ever since the end of the war, Ford said, it has been hard to keep recruits on their toes. Interest lagged, scores sagged. And then Sinatra!  
In an attempt to get the unofficial point of view, a reporter questioned a Fort Belvoir enlisted man.  
Is Sinatra more effective than sergeants?  
"Positively," he said "I'll tell you, what's wrong with recruits. They scare people. Of course, I could be prejudiced. I'm only a corporal."—Associated Press.

## They're All Agin The Govt.

London, Dec. 15.  
On the eve of the parliamentary battle over the nationalisation of transport some of the biggest guns in industrial Britain joined the general barrage today against the Government's proposal to take over and operate all chief forms of inland transport.  
A body called the Control Committee Transport Users, comprising the Association of British Chambers of Commerce, the Federation of British Industries, the National Union of Manufacturers and others, issued a statement protesting that under the bill firms will lose their present freedom to choose the form of transport they wish to use.  
The statement said: "Unless trade and industry retain the power to select the appropriate form of transport necessary to meet their own conditions, there is a grave danger that their efficiency will be subordinated to the convenience of the monopolistic transport system itself."  
"In this connection the very size of the monopoly is a danger since it makes the real truth that it is trade and industry which are of major importance and not the transport services which helps them to function."  
The Committee also protests that no principles were laid down covering freight rates and that there was a tremendous concentration of powers in the hands of the Minister of Transport.  
"Like other protesting groups, the Committee urged the whole question to be referred to a tribunal instead of being driven through Parliament."—United Press.

## UNO Home To Be In New York

Flushing, N.Y. Dec. 15.  
The United Nations formally decided late today to build its permanent headquarters in a majestic galaxy of skyscrapers towering over the East River in New York City.  
The United Nations Assembly approved location of the international diplomatic capital on six square blocks of the Manhattan waterfront only four days after John D. Rockefeller Jr. swept away the claims of competing cities with his free offer of \$8,500,000 worth of land.  
New York City immediately offered additional land valued at \$2,000,000 to extend from nine to 18 acres on the eastern fringe of midtown Manhattan. Title to the tract must be transferred to the United Nations by January 10, when Rockefeller's 30-day option will expire.  
The area at present contains a dilapidated cluster of packing houses, boarded-up tenements, parking lots and a laundry, which advertises itself as the "world's largest." On a massive layer of bedrock suitable for the tallest structures, the United Nations will erect a group of buildings expected to dwarf the \$100,000,000 Rockefeller Center—only seven blocks away.  
A 25-foot channel off the United Nations pierheads would permit large vessels and flying boats to dock here. As one delegate remarked, "Every delegation will be able to steam up in its own battleship."—United Press.

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## Jinnah Renews Plea For Pakistan

London, Dec. 14.  
Mohammed Ali Jinnah, Moslem League President, yesterday rejected a British attempt to resolve the Hindu-Moslem impasse by submitting disputed sections of the independence for India plan to an Indian Federal Court.  
"I will trust no Court to decide on a point like this," the spokesman for India's Moslem millions declared.  
Speaking slowly, he renewed his plea for "Pakistan," a separate Moslem state within India and accused Congress leaders of attempting to "overrule another nation"—the Moslem minority.  
There must be some conditions in the scheme which will prevent a brute majority from taking the bit in its mouth and running away," he added.  
The Congress Party, most powerful Indian political group and the Moslem's bitter rival, agreed during a London conference, called by the British Government last week in an attempt to settle the dispute, to a Court interpretation of a troublesome section of the independence plan. It pertains to a grouping of provinces that would give the Moslems semi-autonomy.  
The Federal Court is made up of Hindus, Moslems and British.  
**Only Answer**  
With his spare frame nattily dressed, Jinnah held forth before nearly 100 newspapermen in a luxurious conference room at Claridges, fashionable London hotel. It was his last press conference before his scheduled departure today for home.  
He accused Congress leaders of preparing to "torpedo completely" Moslem demands for Pakistan.  
Division of India into two nations—Hindustan and Pakistan—is the only answer to the formidable problem of Indian independence, he declared, adding, "the sooner Britain decides that the better—We wish the Army out."

He said he did not share the British Government's views that this week's debate on Indian affairs in the Commons might jeopardize the independence negotiations.  
"I feel light is dawning on the tremendous mess that has been made," he declared, "and I think Parliament is in a better position now with regard to some of the facts than they were all these months."  
The debate was a good thing. There was a great deal of veil over this thing that has been going on, on these last seven months," he added.—Associated Press.

## Danger Of Strife

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## Going On Now

London, Dec. 14.  
Mohammed Ali Jinnah, Moslem leader who attended the Indian round-table talks in London last week today told journalists that he shared the Conservative leader Winston Churchill's apprehension about an outbreak of violence in India in the coming months.  
"Not only do I share it—it is going on now," he said.  
To the remark that Mr. Churchill seemed to think that the position would get much worse, Mr. Jinnah replied: "If the British Government and Parliament do not realise the gravity of it and handle this issue boldly and frankly I am afraid that things will get worse."  
Mr. Jinnah, who listened to the Indian debate in the House of Commons on Friday, is returning to India tomorrow.—Reuter.

## Tear Gas Gets Jews Out Of T.L.C.

Famagusta, Dec. 14.  
A tear-gas bomb was lowered through the grating of a British tank landing craft here when nearly 800 shipwrecked illegal Jewish immigrants from Syria Island refused to leave the vessel today.  
Six Jewish leaders from an illegal Jewish immigrant camp went into the hold of the landing craft and argued for an hour with the immigrants. The immigrants said that they had been promised that they would be taken to Palestine when they were removed from Syria.  
They had been stranded on the barren island some fifty miles from Rhodes where the ship for Palestine, founded. They refused to disembark peacefully and the delegation withdrew.  
Officials of the American Joint Distribution Committee then addressed the immigrants by loud-speaker in the name of the committee and the Jewish Agency. These attempts proving useless, tear-gas was used.  
They then emerged, showing little or no effects of the mild gasping and showing little hostility towards the British soldiers and sailors. The British assisted the aged and sick to land.  
Women and children among the Jews who survived the shipwreck will be admitted to Palestine after their arrival in Cyprus, the Palestine Government informed the acting executive of the Jewish Agency today.  
Male immigrants will not be permitted to enter Palestine. Authority for the immediate admission of women and children among the Syria survivors came from Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, British Colonial Secretary, the Palestine Government statement disclosed.  
The statement said that it rested with the Jewish Agency whether male immigrants from Syria should be given special priority over immigrants now awaiting certificates in Cyprus.—Reuter.

**THE WEATHER**  
A strong anti-cyclone covers Mongolia and a ridge of high pressure extends from it over N and S China. A depression remains to the NE of Hokkaido and a trough of low pressure extends from it S and SW. Pressure is relatively low over SW China. A tropical depression is situated about 600 miles SE of Manila.  
Forecast: Fresh NE winds, cloudy with occasional drizzle, some clearance during the day, cooler.  
Yesterday's weather: Maximum: 71.0 deg. Fah. Minimum: 64.1 deg. Fah. Max. Rel. Humidity: 98 per cent. Sunshine: Nil. Rainfall: Nil.  
The Hague, Dec. 16.  
It appeared likely that the Indonesian agreement will be adopted when the Lords Chamber of Parliament debates the issue Monday and Tuesday.—United Press.

## Britain In Grip Of Fog

London, Dec. 15.  
Choking fog, described by the Royal Automobile Association as "the worst in living memory," held the British Isles and most of Northern Europe in its grip for the fifth straight day and gave a Sherlock Holmes setting to new jewel theft mysteries.  
It snarled air, sea, highway and rail traffic—even subway trains. It also complicated the precautionary guarding of Scotland Yard headquarters and the historic Marble Arch which police encircled after anonymous telephone callers threatened to dynamite all structures.  
Scotland Yard declined to link these threats with earlier reports that Jewish resistance in Palestine might extend operations to London.  
An anonymous letter also was received, threatening to dynamite Victoria Station.  
Operating in the fog, thieves snatched the handbag of American born Marquis de Zahara and got away with \$2,000 worth of jewels.  
Thieves also darkened the gayety of a dinner given by the Venezuelan Ambassador where they stole furs and jewelry valued at \$2,000.  
Winston Churchill was unable to get home from a banquet and stayed in a hotel.  
All ship sailings from Southampton—the busiest English port—were cancelled.  
The United States liner America docked 24 hours late at Le Havre, France.—Associated Press.

## Blotted Out

London, Dec. 14.  
A thick fog blotted out many parts of Britain tonight and air, sea, road and rail transport were delayed.  
Many continental services from London's airports were cancelled and trains on the main railway lines were up to two hours late.  
Motorists in London found visibility reduced to a few yards.  
Fog and transport congestion are holding up many Christmas food supplies.  
A Reuter message from Hertford, Westphalia, reports that the first heavy snowfall of winter today held up communication in many parts of the British Zone of Germany.—Reuter.



## Readers' Letters

### Houses

Sir,—I have just found out another cause why money has not been put into house rebuilding as you frequently wished to know.

It is that farm-land in the Pearl River Delta is being sold about H.K.\$200 per Mow yielding from 140 to 170 catties of grain annually net, the tenants pay all taxes and repairs. At the present market price, grain is sold at 35 cents; this means the income is from \$49 to \$59½ per Mow, equivalent to 24½ per cent to 29½ per cent. While the Chinese dollar is low the income is more attractive.

While here tenement houses yield only around 1 per cent, the contrast is too great. Besides the many shackles piled upon the owner. The owner, no matter how heavily he suffered through the war, and no matter how much he has lost; he is required to dig up fresh cash to clear up debris, even he has no income.

The Chinese Government exempts taxation from the owners of farm-land in the occupied areas for two years; while here the 8 per cent war tax has been re-introduced this October because hostilities are not officially ended.

In view of this additional fact you can be assured that fresh money can never be persuaded to be put to house re-building.

The other day, there was a reader of your paper writing about some transactions being done at high prices; he mentioned about some brokerage firms and the Land Office's records. But he cannot prove that the general price level for houses is increased; what he knew was particular instances of particular lots desired by particular buyers. You can be absolutely safe that no duplicate price can be obtained with similar properties from another buyer.

Therefore as I have said before the only possible way to re-build is for some excessive rich people to organise a large land company to assume the undertaking; because only such a big firm can derive a small return from it.

K. T. CHAN.

### Respect Wanted

Sir,—As D.H.W. points out in his "Not Human" article, we do not ask for garlands etc. to be

strewn in our paths as a sort of 'Hall the Conquering Heroes' touch, all we ask for from Europeans in this Colony, and reserve the right to expect, is respect. As we mentioned in our previous letter, the Servicemen are always received with the "Cold Shoulder" by his own kind, but little do Europeans here realise that by shunning us, it belittles us in the eyes of the Chinese and in turn will mean that they themselves will lose what little respect the Chinese have for them. In stating these facts we do not single out any particular European, but the majority.

We are given to understand from the article by the President of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul that it has been a very hard struggle since the British re-occupation of the Colony, to maintain their assistance to the poor people here, by lack of funds. We gather that the St. Vincent Society Roman Catholic and we think that it would be a better thing for funds of this kind to come from the Vatican, instead of spending the vast amount of money held there on the building of huge Churches and expensive Shrines which, during the recent War, turned out to be such excellent enemy fortresses and death-traps for our own troops.

Charity begins at home, and if funds are not available from the Vatican, why not approach the Europeans and moulted Chinese in this Colony direct, before approaching the Servicemen.

THE ROYALS.

### Archery

Sir,—It was with much interest that I read in your paper of R.A.F. enthusiasm for archery in Japan.

We have, however, equally keen archers here on Stonecutters Island.

My husband, Capt. W. H. Bath, Royal Marines, possesses both English and Japanese bows, and is a good marksman, possibly on a par with Robin Hood!

I am a moderately good marksman, using the same size bow as my husband.

(MRS.) LYNNE BATH.

## BIZARRE STORY OF TOUR IN "SOVIET" - KOREA

### GEN. SIMPSON ON TOUR

London, Dec. 15. General F. E. W. Simpson, Vice-Chief of the Imperial General Staff, has left Britain for a two week tour of Malaya during which he will confer with local commanders, the War Office announced last night.

Accompanying General Simpson were Major General D. L. Roberts, Vice Adjutant General, and Major General A. M. Cameron, Deputy Quartermaster General.—Associated Press.

### New Suits

Sir,—In order to make the Services more attractive, the powers that be have given permission for all servicemen to wear civilian clothes while on leave.

My wardrobe being sadly depleted due to seven years of naval war service, I looked through the Hong Kong shops for civilian clothing. In several shops I saw cloth, made in England by Burberry, suitable for wear in Hong Kong, but on enquiring the price of a suit made from this material I was astounded to be told in different shops prices ranging from \$600 to \$700.

In the press each week we are given a list of controlled prices for goods on sale in Hong Kong. These range from soap to liquor, cotton, bobby-pins, prices to patent medicine. The prices of these articles are quite low, and when infringements of the controlled price regulations takes place, shopkeepers have been punished quite severely.

Is there to be no control of civilian clothing as well? Surely this requires control as much as cheaper articles?

Even in England with all its coupons, austerity suits and the like, £43 odd for a suit would have been a fantastic price, even for a West End tailor, and here it appears to be no less fantastic.

Could it be that the "back room boys" have made this privilege possible, knowing that on paper it is a certain inducement to recruiting while in practice the wearing of civilian clothes is made as difficult as possible? This would seem to be so in class distinction ridden

(Continued at foot of next Col.)

Washington, Dec. 15. A bizarre story of a heavily guarded tour in Russian controlled Korea which produced threats that picture takers would be shot but which wound up with a friendly exchange of daggers with a Soviet general and a farewell vodka dinner, was unfolded in the diary of reparations commissioner Edwin Pauley.

Pauley's diary of a six day inspection trip through the Northern (Soviet) zone went to President Truman with a report in which Pauley said it may be Russia's aim to force a Moscow dominated Government on all Korea before it agrees to withdraw its troops.

The inspection group of 19 Americans was accompanied into Northern Korea by a contingent of Russian soldiers armed with American tommyguns.

The Russians made direct and determined efforts to prevent the Americans from talking to the Koreans, Pauley related—going to the length of "shouting down" American interpreters.

At one point a Russian general told him that if the Americans did not stop taking pictures "some of us might not even have the opportunity of being sorry we took them."

Pauley, who wears the title of the President's personal ambassador, related that he and Colonel General Christakoff, Soviet Supreme Commander in Korea, could not agree at their first conference on the areas the American mission would visit.

### Typically Russian

So Pauley diplomatically sent the general a riding crop and the next morning found him more affable.

"It was a special one and a very fine one with a thin dagger sword blade inside it," Pauley explained.

Pauley said Christakoff returned

Hong Kong, where to be a lower deck rating or a private soldier automatically puts one "beyond the pale."

SCORPIO

### Discrimination

Sir,—In his speech which was published in full in your paper of Oct. 19, the Secretary of State for Colonies, Mr. Creech Jones said, inter alia:—

"We want no race discrimination or social barrier, no colour bar and no social injustice, no economic or political privileges, but free cooperation of all people in building up a good and free life and responsibility."

In this British Colony of Hong Kong, there are today thousands of poor people who are in dire need of clothing and who, through the lack of such clothing, will be hard hit when the winter season really sets in.

At the same time, the Red Cross Distributing Centre which is operating at the East Point Godown is daily issuing large quantities of clothing to people who, on the whole, from their affluent and already well and over-dressed appearance, will have little or no need for the type of clothing which is being issued. As a matter of interest, I might also point out that many of those attending to draw this free issue of clothing are wives of Managers of well known concerns; furthermore, many others have been observed rolling up in expensive streamlined limousines of the type to which your Miss Bradbury obviously referred in her Open letter to Lady Cripps.

If what is going on is not social injustice, what is it?

If the Red Cross authorities really want to do something useful with the clothing they have in hand, I would suggest that they arrange to make a tour of the slum areas at night; there they will find countless poor and ill-dressed folk cuddling together beneath sewn-up gunny bags trying to keep warm. These are the people who really need clothing.

### Superior

Sir,—I see the campaign has at last begun and Servicemen are airing their views on the Colony's Europeans, and may I be permitted to add to these opinions, which are wholeheartedly felt by the Servicemen at present in this Colony,—and held in memory by those who have been fortunate enough to leave this state of plutocracy in the world at present there is much controversy going on with regard to "Racial Discrimination" but what about in our own midst—THIS SERVICEMEN DISCRIMINATION? we are at least white but apparently not the same in other respects in the eyes of the Europeans of this Colony.

It was my misfortune, to serve here for two years before the war when the same state of affairs existed—this "superior attitude" toward servicemen. It was the same at Singapore, Colombo etc. It seems incredible that the same men that asked me for a cup of tea and a packet of "duty free" whilst looking at Portsmouth (now York) dock and a sailor, whilst doing at Portsmouth, should immediately they are sent to such a place as this, assume such an air of

superiority. During the evacuation of Singapore, they puffed us on the back and said "Good old Jack"—but now these days are over. Lots of those sailors who were so puffed have since died for their country and it is hateful to think they gave their lives for such an exist in this Colony at present. Let us settle this "Servicemen Discrimination" once and for all and let it not be a polemic (you see I am even educated).

How many of you Europeans have invited us to your homes for Christmas, just a few maybe, and in fact I don't know of any at present. Should you invite any of us Common Servicemen, please meet us in your car or jeep, we have only a "shanks pony" and its hard work going up the peak from the Low Levels. Don't ask me, I am already booked for the beer bar of the China Fleet Club to enjoy myself in the company of my good fellow Britishers, and no doubt I will be in a state of sweet oblivion and will forget you in your warm homes.

I suppose I could write more but what's the use, I suppose you will always be the same. Perhaps those of you who do not wish to speak to us could wear a badge, then we would know your type and you could continue your "superior attitude".

In conclusion, when you get back to England—don't ask me for a cup of tea or a packet of duty free on board, because you won't get them.

Keep your head high in the air, then you won't see those "common" Servicemen, for truly it must be hateful to have them in your midst—sorry, they won't send us all home—thank goodness when I go.

"LOWER" DECK youth.

## U.S. Hopes For Allied Agreement On Japan

Washington, Dec. 14.

The United States Government was still hopeful today of winning Allied agreement to the American plan to start distribution of Japanese reparations early next year despite the Russian silence.

The same official sources said day they were doubtful that publication of the Pauley report charging the Red Army with responsibility for \$2,000,000,000 worth of damage to Manchurian industry will have any effect either on Russia's attitude towards Japanese reparations or the other Allies' approval. If the other Governments agree regardless of whether Russia answer or not the U.S. Government is willing to put the plan into effect soon after Jan. 1 with an initial distribution of 15 to 20 per cent of available reparations.

Informal sources pointed out the charges contained in Mr. Pauley's report had already been aired in substance and were no stronger than the U.S. note sent to Moscow last February protesting the industrial seizures.

### Weakening China

Considerable importance is attached in most circles, however, to the report's political implications that the Red Army seizures were intended to weaken China economically for a generation so as to strengthen the Communists and prevent success of the United States Far Eastern policy which is based on a stable and united China possessing basic economic self-sufficiency.

Pauley contends that if Japanese industries in Manchuria remained intact, as the Big Three agreed at Potsdam and Moscow, China would be strong enough to become the basis of the new alignment in the Far East which was the foundation of American policy. The Reparations Commissioner therefore charges "long range strategic reasons" behind the Soviet actions in Manchuria.

He stresses that Russia could have had far more of her share of Japanese reparations than she got as war booty but the effect on China's immediate unity, economic and political strength would be different. Pauley also suggests "it is likely that the Soviet Government is making every effort to establish in all Korea a closely controlled government thoroughly in harmony with the philosophical concepts of the U.S.S.R."—United Press.

## Annexation Criticised

Philadelphia, Dec. 14.

United States control of former Japanese mandate islands would be a major obstacle to international and therefore to American security, the United Nations Council of Philadelphia today warned.

In a telegram to Warren Austin, chief of the American delegation to the United Nations Council, it said the United States proposal to designate the islands as "strategic areas" challenges the basic purposes of the United Nations charter "and it may well contribute to a disastrous arms race among nations."

The Council, headed by the retiring U.S. Supreme Court Justice, Owen J. Roberts, said "the decision to pursue a virtually intransigent policy decisively weakens the United Nations and the entire concept of collective security."—United Press.

## MANILA PLANE CRASH

Manila, Dec. 15.

A Far Eastern Transport twin engined plane, "City of Manila" with eight passengers and four American crew members, crashed on the rugged slopes of Mount Banahaw, 40 miles Southwest of Manila yesterday, FEATI said today.

A message received from Pilot Captain Roy Wilson said all the passengers and crew survived.

The extent of injuries was not immediately learned. Military police from Lucena, Quezon Province, were sent to rescue the survivors with provisions flown to Mount Banahaw by Captain Thomas Taylor of FEATI. They expect to return the survivors to Manila today.

Several eyewitnesses reported to the Manila Chronicle that the plane was flying East when they observed it losing altitude as if the engines stalled.

Then they said the big silver winged transport nosed down into the mountainside for a crash landing.

Captain Wilson was piloting another FEATI plane earlier this week which was fired upon by unidentified persons while flying over the outskirts of Manila.—Associated Press.

### Plane Missing

Shanghai, Dec. 15.

A C-47 of the Central Air Transport Corporation was reported missing after leaving Chungking for Shanghai yesterday afternoon with two passengers and a crew of three.

The pilot was Capt. J. P. Ma, veteran "hump" navigator and Canadian-Chinese, who stepped over in Nanking en route from Peking to Shanghai owing to inclement weather.

The search is due to commence this morning.—United Press.

### Kunming Crash

Kunming, Dec. 14.

All five crew members of the Chinese Air Force's transport plane No. 160 were killed yesterday morning when the aircraft developed engine trouble and crashed near the Kunming airport shortly after taking off.

The plane was bound for Chungking with equipment and materials of the Chinese Air Force.—Central News.

## ILOILO'S WORST FIRE

Manila, Dec. 15.

The city of Iloilo, Panay, third largest in the Philippines, suffered its worst fire since the liberation when two theatres and five adjoining residences were destroyed. Origin of the blaze was undetermined.

There was no immediate estimate of casualties.

Police said a large Saturday crowd was attending the Embassy Theatre when the fire sent them fleeing to safety.

Damage was estimated by police at "not less than \$100,000."—Associated Press.

## Rats Grown To Size Of Guinea Pigs

Princeton, N.J., Dec. 15.

Production of a pure-growth hormone from the pituitary glands of cattle which causes dwarfed rats to grow to the size of guinea pigs and which may eventually be used to promote the growth of undersized children has been reported here by Dr. Herbert M. Evans of the University of California School of Medicine.

Speaking at a conference on growth at Princeton University, Dr. Evans outlined the process. Growth of producing the hormone makes human treatment prohibitive at present, he said, since the pituitary glands of 1,900 cattle are required to make one gram of the hormone. But, he maintained, isolation of this new hormone is "going to lead to an understanding of what growth means."

For experiments, Dr. Evans removed the pituitaries of rats which halted their normal growth. Then he gave daily injections of the hormone to the rodents which then grew one and one-half times their normal size.

During this growth, he said, the thyroid, adrenal and sex glands of the rats remained in an infantile state, leaving them with the general characteristics of

"LOWER" DECK youth.

## The Only Answer To War?

New York, Dec. 14.

Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of New York, speaking at the annual meeting of the Methodist Board of Missions and Church Extension at Back Hill Falls, Pennsylvania, today, said "a democratic America in which communism cannot live" was the only answer to the question whether a third world war—between the United States and Russia—was inevitable.

Bishop Oxnam said: "Communism cannot grow in soil of freedom and justice. It takes root in soil of exploitation and thrives in the jungle growth of discrimination."

The United States Government must make it clear to Soviet leaders "with friendly yet firm persistence" that purges, coercion and deceitful inflation will jeopardize peace, he stated.

The Board passed a resolution urging the immediate withdrawal of both Russian and American armies from Korea and the earliest possible popular elections there. Another resolution, favoring "sympathetic help" to the Philippines, was also adopted by the Board.—United Press.

### Wedding

The wedding took place on Saturday at the English Methodist Church, Wanchai, of Miss Mary Rena Bruford, of Lenzie, Scotland, and Mr. Andrew Cant Lochie, of H.M. Dockyard, Hong Kong, the Rev. Caradoc Hughes, B.D., R.N., officiating.

Given away by Mr. H. L. W. Aiken, the bride was attired in a dusty-pink two-piece wool crepe suit with dark tan accessories, and carried a bouquet of tuberoses.

Miss Barbara Budden was the bridesmaid, and wore a blue dress with wine accessories, carrying a spray of sweet peas. The best man was Mr. Richard Muir.

The reception was held at the Masonic Club, by kind permission of the Trustees, where some forty guests assembled, including Capt. C. J. Blake, R.N., Capt. Supt. H. M. Dockyard, Capt. & Mrs. W. W. H. Ash, Mr. F. C. Mow Fung, Miss Mow Fung and Mr. & Mrs. H. S. Mok.

The honeymoon is being spent at Repulse Bay Hotel.

### Film Review

After having almost completely exploited the resources of the Bowery, the Barbary Coast, to say nothing of the Rocky Mountains and most of South America, the writers of musicals must often feel sore put to it to think of new settings in which to show a glamorous star, a name band, and the usual host of "lovelies."

The writers of "Best Foot Forward" had Lucille Ball all rights; they also had Harry James and his Music Makers, but their worry was obviously to find a setting. As a result we have a fantastic Military Academy where the cadets pass out in swing-time wearing uniforms which would have made even Goering blush.

The plot is tortuous and, let's face it, sometimes a little drawn out—it all concerns Lucille Ball, using her own name, out on a publicity stunt to retrieve her fading popularity. She is utterly wasted in such a part, but even with it she shows that a good actress can give of the best, the critical actress type.

Harry James gives one of his usual immaculate performances playing with the same vigour in the same "spot-light" way as ever. Particularly good is his arrangement of "Flight of the Bumble Bee," which should delight even the most hardened "anti-swingers."

In supporting roles are names which have later become famous—such as June Allyson and Gloria DeHaven. Altogether "Best Foot Forward" (showing at the King) is a hedge-podge of the very good and the mediocre, hopelessly sentimentally, impossible situations, yet plenty of humour and attractive dances—well consumed—and it has Lucille Ball, which is good enough for me.

If you are prepared to leave your demand for credibility in the foyer and are prepared to fall for the uniforms, the music, and Lucille Ball—then you will certainly enjoy M.G.M.'s "Best Foot Forward."



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## THE SAME PATTERN

It is an oddity of political life that in the 20th century the political leaders of the totalitarian countries seem to be far more original in their political terminology than most of their counterparts in the great democracies. In democratic countries there is a sad lack of imagination in political invective. The propagandists of the Left usually rely for their effects on terms which their opponents "reactionaries" or "fascists" the propagandists of the Right are content to dismiss their opponents as "Reds" or "Communists." The terms of abuse which Hitler reserved for his most-hated enemies at least had some piquancy. He called them "Liberal Marxists."

The Communists are, of course, far more fertile in their inventive genius. Only very crude and politically uneducated Communists make much use of the term "Fascist." The deadliest enemies of the Soviet regime are always denounced as "Left-Wing Trotsky Deviationists." Social Democrats like Ernest Bevin are normally termed "Petty Bourgeois Philistines." And any Greek who took advantage of the fairest secret ballot ever held in the Balkans in order to vote for the return of King George is usually called a "crypto-monarchist-fascist-beast." Stalin recently volunteered an interesting addition to the Communist vocabulary of demagoguery. In answer to Hugh Bailie's question, "What in your opinion is the most serious threat to peace in the whole world?" he replied that the danger came from "the incendiaries of a new war," referring to Winston Churchill and those in Britain and America who think as the former Prime Minister does.

It is curious how the pattern of events which led up to World War II is already repeating itself so soon after the end of hostilities. Today, as then, there is only one power that might conceivably threaten the peace of the world. Today, as then, it is a totalitarian power headed by a monolithic dictator who is supported by an elite one-party system that is based upon a population so immunized from all outside opinion and information that it can be told anything by its leaders. The word of the Kremlin is the only word for the Russian people, and no matter how contradictory statements may be they are accepted and believed. The Soviet regime, like that of Hitler, is fortified by a terroristic secret police at home, and pursues a nakedly revealed policy of world domination abroad. And now, just as Hitler used to denounce Churchill as a "war-monger" for drawing attention to German rearmament, Stalin, angered at Churchill's exposure of the Communist menace, flings out the epithet "incendiary." The Communists, like the Nazis, have also written down in great detail in books-most of them as badly written as "Mein Kampf"-the particulars of how they propose to conquer the world and establish their own enduring world dictatorship.

But it is not only the dictators who repeat themselves. The democracies follow their example. And just as it was almost impossible before World War II to persuade anyone to read "Mein Kampf" and take it seriously, so today it is an effort wholly wasted to persuade anyone to read the textbooks in which Marx and Engels proclaimed, and Lenin and Stalin ratified, the precise measures by which the entire world shall be reduced to the anti-heaven civilization that prevails in Russia.

The parallel between the year 1936 and the year 1946 is so extraordinary as to encourage the defeatist point of view that the parallel will continue. But the men in the Kremlin are sagacious enough to know that history never repeats itself exactly, and that there is at least a chance this time that the free peoples of the world will awake to the dangers that confront them before it is too late.

Perhaps the most demoralising experience ever faced by the British Army was the soya link. For breakfast after breakfast this most atrociously used to appear and disappear quickly into the swill bins. There was one cook in the army, however, who mastered the secret of how to make the thing eatable. He was QMSI Jean Guiget who is now working in the palatial kitchens of the Berkeley Hotel in Piccadilly. He is a British subject of French parentage who learned his art near Marseilles and, before the war, cooked at the famous Golf Hotel at Glencoe. He joined the army in 1939 and went straight into the cook-house where he was appalled by the mentality of the average army cook of those early days. "They did not realise they were feeding British soldiers," he says "but dished up the stuff as if they were feeding a lot of pigs."

Guiget did not stay long in England but went to the Western Desert where he cooked for the 50 Div. Workshops. This was a mobile H. Q. and called for a lot of improvisation. The petrol and sand cooker was the most practical and easy form of cooking, but Guiget also managed to evolve a very serviceable field oven out of petrol tins, which when used to line a trench dug in the sand a very effective flame. The chief problem faced by cook in the 8th Army was how to vary the inevitable bully beef and M. and V. It was not for nothing that the unit christened Guiget "the camouflage expert." One of his most successful methods of disguising bully was to chop it up with some onions and mix it into a paste with flour which, when fried, looked like a rissole but tasted like ambrosia. The other fearful problem which confronted the desert army were the frequent violent sandstorms which invariably left all food an unpalatable gritty mess. "There was very little one could do about that," Guiget says.

Another episode of his desert days which particularly amused Guiget occurred at El Adem. A DADOS Colonel appeared in the cookhouse and peremptorily demanded a five course dinner for the same evening, suggesting, when Guiget expostulated, hors d'oeuvres, soup, and chicken as the first three delicacies. "All they got was soup and M & V Pie," says Guiget, "and they liked it."

After a period of hectic cooking on the move during the retreat to Alamain Guiget went to cook for a period at the RAOC base at Amariya just outside Alexandria. "We had a chance to show what we could do there," he says. "Almost and kind of food was obtainable, but I never managed to get the troops to eat eggplant, something our customers at the Berkeley would like to get now." From Amariya Guiget went as instructor to the Palestine School of Cookery in Iraq. His commanding officer, Captain Frank Vandersluis, is also a chef at the Berkeley where he worked for twelve years before the war. The school turned out about three thousand students there. Each course lasted six weeks and catered not only for British cooks, but Indian, Israelis of the Iraqi Levies, and even civilian cooks employed by the British Army. Both Vandersluis and Guiget agree that the training given at a school of this type is far better than the average training received by a cook in civilian life in these ration infested times. The students did all the cooking for the camp, some times in heat of 115 in the shade, and were given the most thorough grounding in the elementary side of cookery, as well as many useful tips in the art of improvisation. "The Army standard equals, if it is not better than, that of peace-time learners," today says Guiget. "Learners, to start off with, do not have so many ration difficulties, and they get thorough basic knowledge of cooking. All they need is interest and keenness to ensure that they got a really good job on leaving the Army. Good cooks are at a premium in civvy street."

Guiget continued instructing in the sweltering heat of Baghdad until he returned home on Python shortly before his release in October last year. While in Iraq he officiated as chef on many important occasions including a state dinner to the Emir Abdullah of Transjordan and the British Ambassador Sir Kinahan Cornwallis. He also made a birthday cake for the boy king Faisal of Iraq. His greatest feat, however, was making the

soya link eatable and this is how he did it. He minced up the link with onions, cheese and boiled rice and then fried the result. This dish was eaten with great appetite by men who previously had only to see a soya link to throw it away untried. When one of them was asked what he had been eating he replied "the best fishcake I've ever had in the Army." Yet another soya dish which proved successful was cut up links fried in curry powder with dumplings.

Guiget's watchword for Army cooks is "improvisation" and these are just two examples of

what he means by the word. He is certain that when a unit is badly fed it is not because the food is bad but because the cooks do not use it well. "Believe me," he says "the Army gets much better food than civilians and there is no excuse for a bad meal." Both he and his former boss Vandersluis agree that they would much rather be cooking in the Army now than in the Berkeley where life is a ceaseless struggle to produce a good meal from very little. He has a message for his old students who he wishes luck and hopes to meet again when rations are a thing of the past.

Biggest Racket  
In Britain

Despite the criticism of Mr. John Strachey and the views about food rationing, housing is still the number one problem not only in London but all over Britain. I have had first hand experience of this accommodation racket and you can take it from me that all you have read about overcharging is not exaggerated. It is not an uncommon thing for a man to have to share a room with seven others at something like £2 a week each, and although

By JOHN SHIPTON

rent tribunals have certainly done good work in cutting rents according to accommodation available they have in most cases only embarrassed both the landlord and the tenant.

For example, I know of a case where a tribunal cut a rent by more than two thirds at the same time giving the tenant three months security. That breathing spell is almost up now, the tenant being faced with finding a room or rooms with Christmas almost upon us. And there are thousands of people in the same predicament.

I have it on the highest authority that in London's East End alone up to 20 people share the same house and one cook. Indeed, many families, at their wit's end for accommodation, are readily falling victims to numerous racketeers. Among them are what is known as "house farmers." They buy large properties and let out single rooms for as much as £3 a week. So it seems I am one of the lucky ones. Despite all this Mr. Aneurin Bevan, Minister of Health, is convinced that housing will not be a major issue at the next general election. He must be a super optimist. At least two million houses are wanted in the next four years to meet only present requirements from a building labour force estimated to be half a million men. This is rather a gloomy picture of the housing situation in Britain, but I am happy to record there is a brighter side to the housing situation in Britain. It is a bonus scheme for builders by which it is hoped to speed the new houses. On the first job where the scheme was tried output jumped threefold. The new scheme is expected to start on a nationwide basis early in the new year.

Trade leaders are confident the bonus will not mean increased costs, claiming that the vastly increased output will cancel out the extra wage costs. Members of the Trade's national production council contend that three immediate effects of a bonus scheme will be a tremendous speed-up in all types of building work; particularly housing; the smashing of a huge black market in the building trade; and the rebirth of a "Dunkirk spirit" throughout the nation's industries. Builders and trade leaders are in favour of this bonus scheme and if it will help to ease the serious housing situation the sooner it is put into action the better.

To turn to a somewhat related subject, The "Britain Can Make It" exhibition is still attracting huge crowds to the Victoria and Albert Museum in South Kensington. I was amazed and amused the other day when I heard a conductor call out "Next stop for the 'Britain Can Make It' Exhibition; this one for the end of the queue." Many provincial people who always flock to London for Christmas will now be able to visit Britain's shop window, for it has been decided to extend the exhibition until December 31. Originally it was scheduled to close at the end of October. The crowds, however, did not fall off and the closing date was lifted for November. Still they

came and the news that the exhibition would not go on a provincial tour made the queues even longer; hence the December closing date. The exhibition will be closed on Christmas Day when the staff will take a rest after dealing with hundreds of thousands of visitors.

Nat Mills, of Nat Mills and Bobbie, is the only pantomime dame in London this year. He plays the title role in "Mother Goose" at the Casino, a pantomime which Emile Littler estimates has cost £20,000, compared with the £10,000 such a production would have cost pre-war. It is Nat Mills' first pantomime appearance. He told me the other day that along with his wife he was looking forward to the Casino show as being one of the milestones in their great partnership. One thing is certain—that this famous burlesque team will be another big London success.

The Casino Show opens on December 20. It has a cast of 100, including Stanley Holloway and O'Gorman Brothers; 33 juveniles (aged 14) and a chorus of 40. But with only one pantomime London will not be short of entertainment. "Piccadilly Hayride" (Sid Field) is at the Prince of Wales; Cochran's "Big Ben" at the Adelphi; "Grand National Night" (Hermione Baddeley and Leslie Banks) at the Apollo; "Sweetest and Lowest" at the Ambassador; "The Night and the Laughter" (Bud Flanagan) at the Coliseum; "Vanity Fair" (Claire Luce) at the Comedy; "Is your Honeymoon Really Necessary" (Ralph Lynn) at the Duke of York's; "Crime and Punishment" (John Gielgud) at the Globe; "Perchance to Dream" at the Hippodrome; "Follow the Girls" (Aasey) at the Majestic; "High Time" (Nat Jackley) at the Palladium; "Under the Counter" (Cicely Courtneidge) at the Phoenix; "Skin of our Teeth" (Vivien Leigh) at the Piccadilly; "Our Betters" (Dorothy Dickson) at the Playhouse; "Fifty Fifty" (Harry Green) at the Strand; and "The Shepherd Show" at the Princes. There you are, if you're lucky enough to be in London for Christmas you can pay your money and take your choice.

Incidentally, an old Middle East favourite has just made his first London appearance. It is none other than your old friend Norman Caley, quote Earl of the Middle East unquote. He is on tour with the show which was seen by thousands of troops in the desert, quote "Middle East Varieties" unquote and he's still crying "Let me Out." Jack Lister and Bill Budd, formerly with ENSA in the Middle East, are associated with the show. Film of the week "Dark Mirror" at the Odeon, Marble Arch. Olivia de Havilland plays one of those twin sister roles and it's a case of all Havilland. She rises to heights of characterisation without the aid of make-up and, as you'll have guessed, there's a psychiatric angle. Book of the week "Horned Pigeon" by George Millar. It tells of a post-war Austrian valley and the relationship of various inhabitants—German, French, and American. It is more than exciting story handled with skill.

## GERMANS STAY IN CANADA

Ottawa, Dec. 14. The Canadian Cabinet has decided that certain German prisoners of war will be allowed to remain in Canada. It was believed that 200 of over 2,000 prisoners, due to leave Canada this month, will be allowed to stay, presumably as farm workers. Reuter.

## CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



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D 10 4 2  
C K J 6  
S A K 10 8  
H A Q 10 8  
D 9 8  
C 5 4  
S 10 7 4 2  
H 9 6 3  
D K J 6  
C 9 8 2  
S 10 7 4 2  
H K 7 4  
D A Q 7 5 3  
C A 10 7 3

(Dealer: West. East-West vulnerable).

West	North	East	South
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Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT

That was some of the funniest bidding, but No Trump game contracts were reached by one means or another, at a bunch of tables in a big duplicate, with North or South as declarer, with varying outcomes. At four, South was the declarer, and in each instance the diamond play was different following the heart 8 lead to the J.

One of these declarers led the diamond 2, East unsoundly playing the J and the Q winning. After the club K, the diamond 10 was covered by the K and A, then run, plus three more clubs, to give South 10 tricks.

Another declarer led the diamond 2 to the second trick. East played the 6 and South the Q. The diamond A was laid down on a long-shot chance to drop the K, which failed. South then gave up by leading a diamond to East, who came through hearts, giving the defense six tricks.

The two most skillful declarers led the diamond 2 to the second trick and, when East played the 6, put on the 7, the 8 winning. One West returned the heart 5 to the K. After the club K, the diamond 10 brought the K and A, then the rest of the suit, plus clubs, to give that declarer 10 tricks.

When the other able declarer let West have the first diamond with the 8, West was smart enough to reckon what was coming so quickly cashed two top spades and his heart A to hold South to exactly game, thereby getting West a pretty good match-point score, beating the extra-trick fellows.

## Tomorrow's Problem

S A Q 10 9 6 5 3  
H A  
D Q 10  
C 8 5 3

S J 4 3 2  
H A 9 8 7  
D A J 9 7 2  
C K J 5  
S None  
H J 9 8 7  
D K 8 5 4 3  
C 7 6 4 2

S K 8 7 4 2  
H K Q 5 4  
D 6  
C A Q 10

(Dealer: South. Neither side vulnerable). If West, scared away from a diamond lead by a cue-bid, opens the heart 2, how should South try for all the tricks at 6-Spades without jeopardizing his contract?

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# DISARMAMENT DECISION

## Passed Unanimously By Assembly

### Nine Paragraphs On Principles

Flushing Meadows, Dec. 14.

The United Nations General Assembly today passed unanimously, with acclamation, the disarmament resolution. The resolution calls for a general reduction of armaments with effective safeguards for those states complying and for the regulation of the atom bomb.

In its final form, the resolution passed today comprises nine paragraphs on the principles governing the general regulations and reduction of armaments.

It was the subject of only half an hour's discussion today following speeches by the British, Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. James Byrnes, and the Russian Foreign Commissar, M. Vyacheslav Molotov, during a lengthy debate in last night's session which ended in the early hours of this morning.

Mr. Paul Martin of Canada and M. Alexandre Parodi of France were the only speakers today and both wholeheartedly welcomed the resolution.

Neither M. Molotov nor M. Vyshinsky, who had strenuously piloted the Soviet views through the lengthy debates, were present to see the final satisfactory end to their work today.

The British Attorney-General, Sir Hartley Shawcross, and the U.S. Senator, Tom Connally, representatives of the other two Big Powers who helped to hammer out the phrasing and principles of the resolution, were, however, present.

## Anti-Climax

The final passage of the resolution came as an anti-climax to floodlit and crowded scenes last night when the Assembly Hall was packed with delegates' friends and the public.

Today there was an air of weariness as the Assembly was being pushed to its close, presenting a comparatively calm and unexcited appearance.

Immediately after the passing of the resolution the Assembly finally defeated the much debated troop census proposals by 30 to six with four abstentions.

The original troop census resolution calling for information on troops abroad and at home, was returned to the Political Committee when a demand by the Soviet Union that information on armaments should accompany reports on troops at home was met by a British counter-proposal.

It was then decided to replace the troop census resolution by a new recommendation that, to implement as soon as possible the armament plan, the General Assembly should call upon the Security Council to determine, as soon as possible, information which the member states should be called on to furnish.

## Gromyko Speaks

M. Andrei Gromyko, for the Soviet Union, renewed the troop census discussion when, immediately after the unanimous vote on the disarmament plan, he went to the rostrum to back up the Soviet demand for information about troops abroad.

He said the new resolution was as far away from the Soviet proposal "as the sky is from the earth. How can we agree with this resolution which is now before us when the question of the submission of information has been completely eliminated?"

"We may ask how will it be possible to explain to world public opinion why the General Assembly did not want to accept the decision on the submission of information about military forces and military bases? How will it be possible to explain to anyone, in fact, that the General Assembly did not want the required information about troops?"

Mexico and Iraq were elected members of the Trusteeship Council—the last major organ of the United Nations to be established.

Both countries obtained the necessary two-thirds majority. Mexico obtaining 36 votes and Iraq 34.

The Trusteeship Council is thus composed as follows: Belgium, Australia, China, France, Iraq, Mexico, New Zealand, Russia, United Kingdom and the United States.

## Not Irregular

Before the vote was taken, Russia, Byelo-Russia, the Ukraine and Yugoslavia announced that as they believed that the Trusteeship agreements contravened the terms and the spirit of the United Nations Charter, they could not vote.

M. Paul-Henri Spaak of Belgium, said that while they had a perfect right to abstain from voting he would point out that the Trusteeship agreements had been approved by a majority of 40 votes to three or four, and he could not admit that "this selection is irregular."

"The Assembly then adopted a resolution asking for the Trusteeship Council to be convened not later than next March 15. Seven countries abstained from voting in the election of the last two members of the Council.—Reuter.

## Ministers Sail

New York, Dec. 15. The Soviet Union lost its long fight to open up the atomic bomb secret immediately but Russia's Foreign Minister, M. Molotov sailed for home with American assurances that control of atomic weapons with the attendant disclosure of all facts would be given top priority in the widely acclaimed basic plan for world-wide arms limitation.

As Molotov boarded the liner Queen Elizabeth after attending the Foreign Ministers Conference and the most important United Nations sessions he commented that the results were "as satisfactory to the Soviet delegation as they are to the other delegations."

He also expressed confidence that the forthcoming Ministers session in Moscow next March to discuss the German peace treaty "will be as much successful."

British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, taking the same ship for home, said the Ministers had "cleared away a good deal of the debris of misunderstanding and conflict and we now can proceed to lay the foundation of a durable peace."

Other United Nations developments included: 1. Approval of the United Nations administrative budget of \$13,300,000 for 1946 and \$27,740,000 for 1947 and establishment of a working capital fund of \$22,000,000. The United States contribution finally was scaled down from 49.89 per cent. to 39.89 per cent. Russia will pay 6.34 per cent and Britain 11.48.

2. Setting up of the United Nations last major body to be formed, the trusteeship council, with the election of Mexico and Iraq to the last two seats. Britain, France, Belgium, Australia and New Zealand as administering states for the eight former League mandates and the United States, Russia, China as members of the Big Five automatically were seated.—Associated Press.

## ROYAL FAMILY CELEBRATE

London, Dec. 15.

The King celebrated his 51st birthday quietly with his family. Official celebrations of the monarch's birth date are held in June.—Associated Press.

## CUBA SUGGESTS

New York, Dec. 15.

Cuba suggested that members of the United Nations should withdraw their Ambassadors from "such countries as Poland, Yugoslavia, and Rumania" as logical consequence of the General Assembly's recommendation that such action be taken against Franco Spain.

Cuban Ambassador Guillermo Belt offered his suggestion in an interview as Great Britain became the first country to indicate compliance with the Spanish resolution.—Associated Press.

## Britain To Trade With Germany

London, Dec. 14.

British Business men may soon be permitted to enter Germany to renew old contacts and explore the possibilities of trade with Germany, when Germany is allowed to trade again.

Details of the plan remain to be settled, but matters are being thrashed out by British administration officials in conjunction with commercial experts.

Many long-term proposals are stated to be under detailed consideration but few details have been settled so far. There is no inclination in official quarters to forecast when the plan will be brought into operation.—Reuter.

## Bulgaria Training Guerillas?

Didymothicon (Greek Thrace), Dec. 14.

A dusk to dawn curfew has been imposed by the Greek Army in towns and villages in this border area, following the recent increase in guerilla activities along the Greco-Bulgarian frontier and against the tail end of the Salonika-Alexandropolis-Edirne railway, linking Greece and Turkey.

In the snow-clad wind-swept hills near the Bulgarian border, eight hours journey on foot to the west, a battalion of Greek infantrymen are operating on a wartime footing, living in the scanty shelter of peasant huts and constantly on the alert against surprise attacks by guerillas.

Today they were cut off from their headquarters here by a heavy snowfall and the only link was a single wireless van—a relic of the war—parked in the snow in the main streets of this dismal border town.

Greek staff officers here forecast no diminution in guerilla activity in the coming weeks. Two nights ago, guerillas attacked a small army outpost on the side of a railway a few miles south of Didymothicon and barely 100 yards from the Turkish border, but the garrison of 30 men fought off the attack. A Greek major was wounded by a hand grenade.

## Training Camp

The Greek Government believes that Bulgaria has become the training camp for guerillas. Referring to alleged comings and goings of guerillas over the Bulgarian borders and of the existence of rest camps and training camps for guerillas in three villages inside Bulgaria, a Government spokesman said that during a recent battle, in which a battalion suffered 40 casualties, the second-in-command of the battalion, Major Christos Spiroudis, was wounded and captured by the guerillas and taken over the frontier in an ox-cart.

The spokesman disclosed that he recently met two Bulgarian

## Fiancee Met By Tragedy

Southampton, Dec. 14.

Diving operations began today to recover two bodies believed to be trapped in a motorcar at the bottom of Southampton dock. The car plunged over the side of the dock last night in fog.

Mr. Ivor Thomas of Rydfell, Pontypridd, had travelled by car from Pontypridd with his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Arthur Burgess of Pontypridd, to meet his fiancée, Mrs. Elthia Zeink, who was disembarking from Bombay.

Leaving the dock area, the car toppled over the quayside into the water. The body of Mrs. Burgess was recovered later. The bodies of Ivor Thomas and Mrs. Zeink were presumed to be trapped in the car at the bottom of the dock.

The Burgessses have two children, aged 13 and 15.

At a hospital today, Mr. Burgess said that he was driving away from a lighted customs shed when he found himself enshrouded in thick fog. He must have mistaken the direction and driven towards the quay edge. He saw the side of the quay too late to stop the car going over.—Reuter.

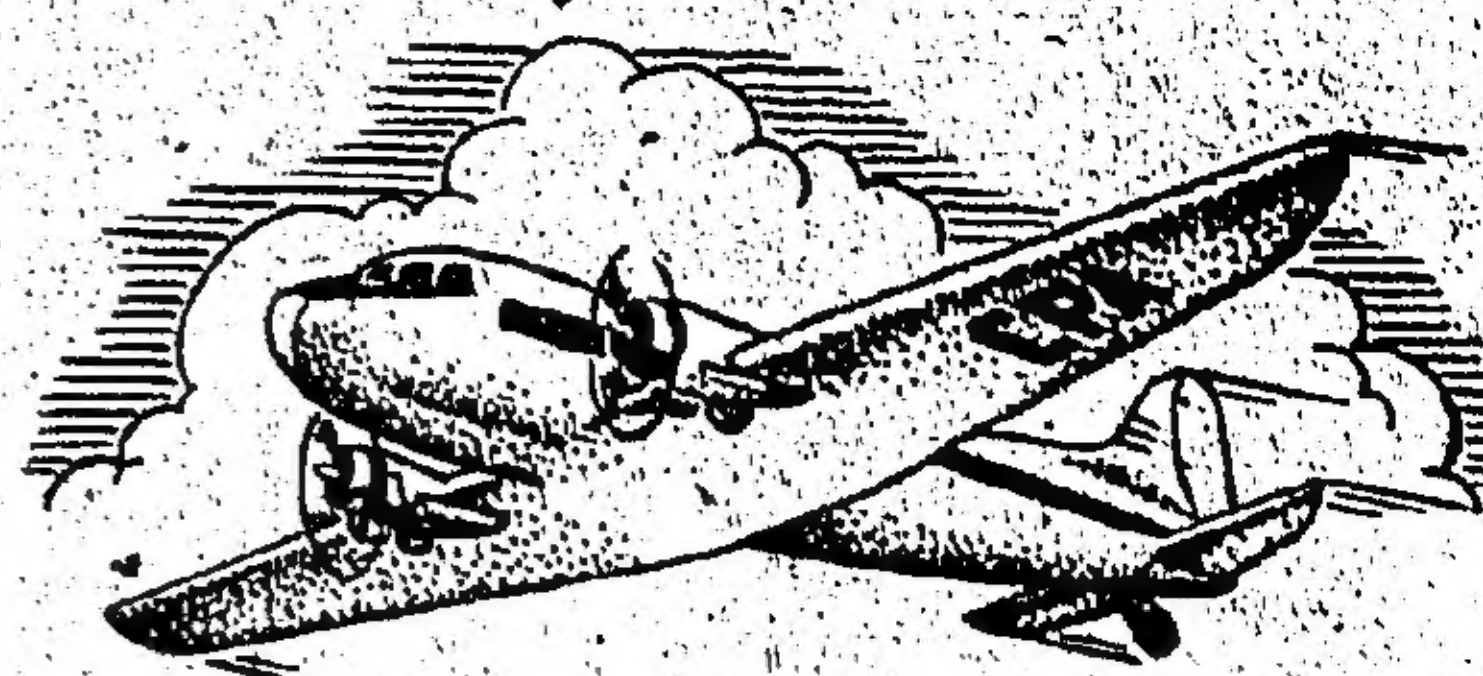
## Frightened Of "Wolves"

Philadelphia, Dec. 15.

Forty attractive girls who work as professional models have formed a guild here to make sure their agencies assign them only bona fide modelling work.

They were angered that their agencies took the liberty to make social engagements for them, as dinner companions, and hostesses at private and convention parties.

They agreed to tell one another of unpleasant incidents and to report to each other the unwelcome attentions made toward them by over-zealous, over-ardent men ("wolves"). The guild, they said, will make modelling more attractive to youngsters of nice families.—Associated Press.



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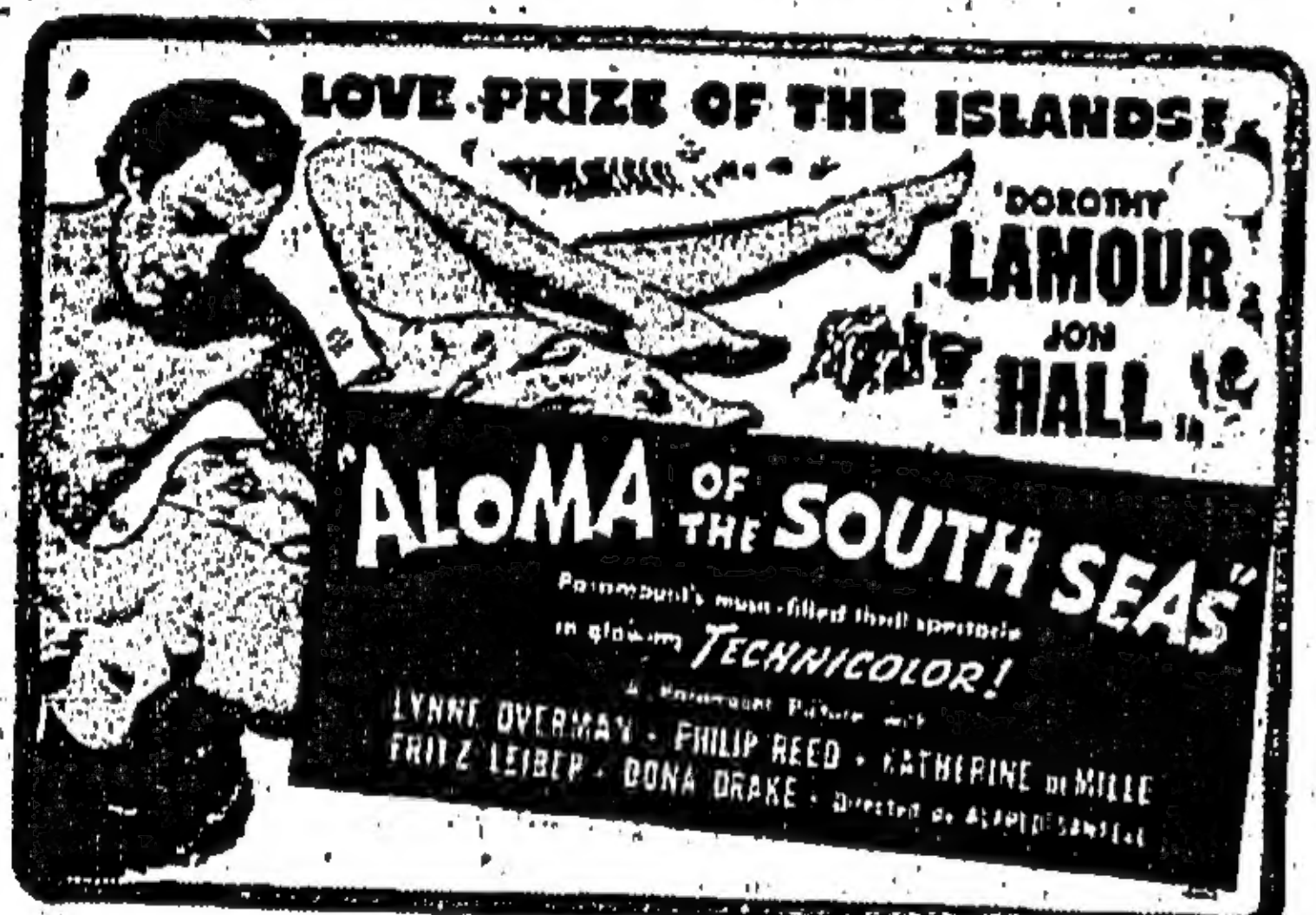
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# UNGRACIOUS CRITICISM

## Soviet Attacks On Royal Navy

### Eden Replies To "Red Fleet"

London, Dec. 14. Mr. Anthony Eden, former British Foreign Secretary tonight described as "ungracious" the criticism of a British naval convoy, which he said, had appeared in the Soviet naval journal Krasny Flot (Red Fleet).

The charges, he said, were that the British command made serious mistakes, that crews of United States transports left their ships at the "first danger," though they were not damaged, and that the Admiralty did not attach the necessary significance to ensuring the safe arrival of the convoy in the USSR.

"The charges have all been dealt with in considerable detail by the Admiralty in a statement which they published in February last year," Mr. Eden said. "I will not repeat that statement now. Suffice it to say that one would have expected any fair-minded ally to take this full and detailed statement into account in passing judgment on this most daring and hazardous operation. It has, in fact, been completely ignored."

"As to the charge that the Admiralty did not attach the necessary significance to the safe arrival of this convoy in Russia, I can speak. For I was, for a considerable period of the war, Chairman of the Cabinet Committee whose duty it was to provide, assemble and despatch supplies to our ally."

"We knew how stalwart was the fight that Russia was waging upon land, and we made many sacrifices, and our ships of the Royal Navy and of the Merchant Marine ran desperate hazards to ensure delivery of supplies to the Soviet north-eastern ports."

"Over a period of three and a half years our Russian ally received no less than 91.6 per cent of the vast quantities of war supplies shipped by the northern route. A greater proportion of these were conveyed there under British escort," Mr. Eden added.

Meanwhile, the Soviet criticism was the subject of comment today by a Foreign Office spokesman in London. The official said:

"The Soviet journal alleged that the methods employed by the British Admiralty wasted both supplies and lives on the Archangel run."

**No Surprise**  
These criticisms, the spokesman said, had caused no surprise in London in view of the attitude of the Soviet press during the war. The Soviet press, he said, had consistently played down the efforts and sacrifices of the Allies in their attempt to bring aid to Russia, and it looked as though this had been done in an attempt to withhold knowledge from the Soviet people.

The praise of the Soviet war effort, he added, which had appeared during the war, in the British press, was in striking contrast, and it had been rare indeed to see any criticism of the conduct of the war by the Soviet High Command.—Reuter.

## Greater Voice For The Colonies

Flushing, N.Y., Dec. 14. The United Nations today overwhelmingly voted to give non-self-governing peoples of the world a greater voice in the councils of the world organization.

The Assembly decided by a vote of 31 to 1 with 21 abstentions to approve the watered down Philippine resolution calling upon powers, holding administration of dependent areas, to convene regional conferences at which those who, otherwise without voice in world affairs, might express their opinion on affairs relating specifically to them and generally to the world.

In view of the possibility that the General Assembly would split on the vote on the Philippine resolution, China's Wellington Koo introduced a surprise amendment to the proposal which would virtually eliminate the authority of the Economic and Social Council in helping the administering states to convene regional conferences. The amendment would change the wording in the document providing for the Council to call conferences "together with administrative authorities concerned" to read "invites the administrative authority to organize."

Romulo mounted the rest of the day to accept the amendment.

**Smuts Loses**  
The Union of South Africa, which has been fighting a losing battle during the past month for incorporation of the mandated territory of Southwest Africa, today received a final verdict as the General Assembly adopted a resolution disapproving the proposed annexation.

## TENEMENT DEATH-ROLL

New York, Dec. 15. The known death toll in the tenement-house collapse reached 87 today with the removal of five more bodies, including two women. One other—a 13 year old girl—is still listed as missing and presumed dead for an overall total of 88.

The presence of the women in the building was not previously known to the police.—United Press.

## Died From Old Dogbite

Woolwich, Dec. 14. A misadventure verdict was recorded at a Woolwich inquest on Driver Ronald Samuel Dixon, 23, of the Royal Army Service Corps, of Grove Park, who died at the Herbert Hospital, following a dog bite in Greece.

Dixon, who was on demobilization leave, served in France, Italy and Greece. On Oct. 20 in Greece, he was bitten on the hand by a dog while on guard. Within ten hours he received anti-rabies injections and had fourteen in all. He arrived home on Dec. 4.

He became unwell and was removed to hospital four days later. The doctor said that there was no doubt that Dixon died from rabies. Usually, a person promptly treated did not develop the disease, but once the rabies had developed, it was a hundred per cent fatal.—Reuter.

## Indonesia Getting On Its Feet

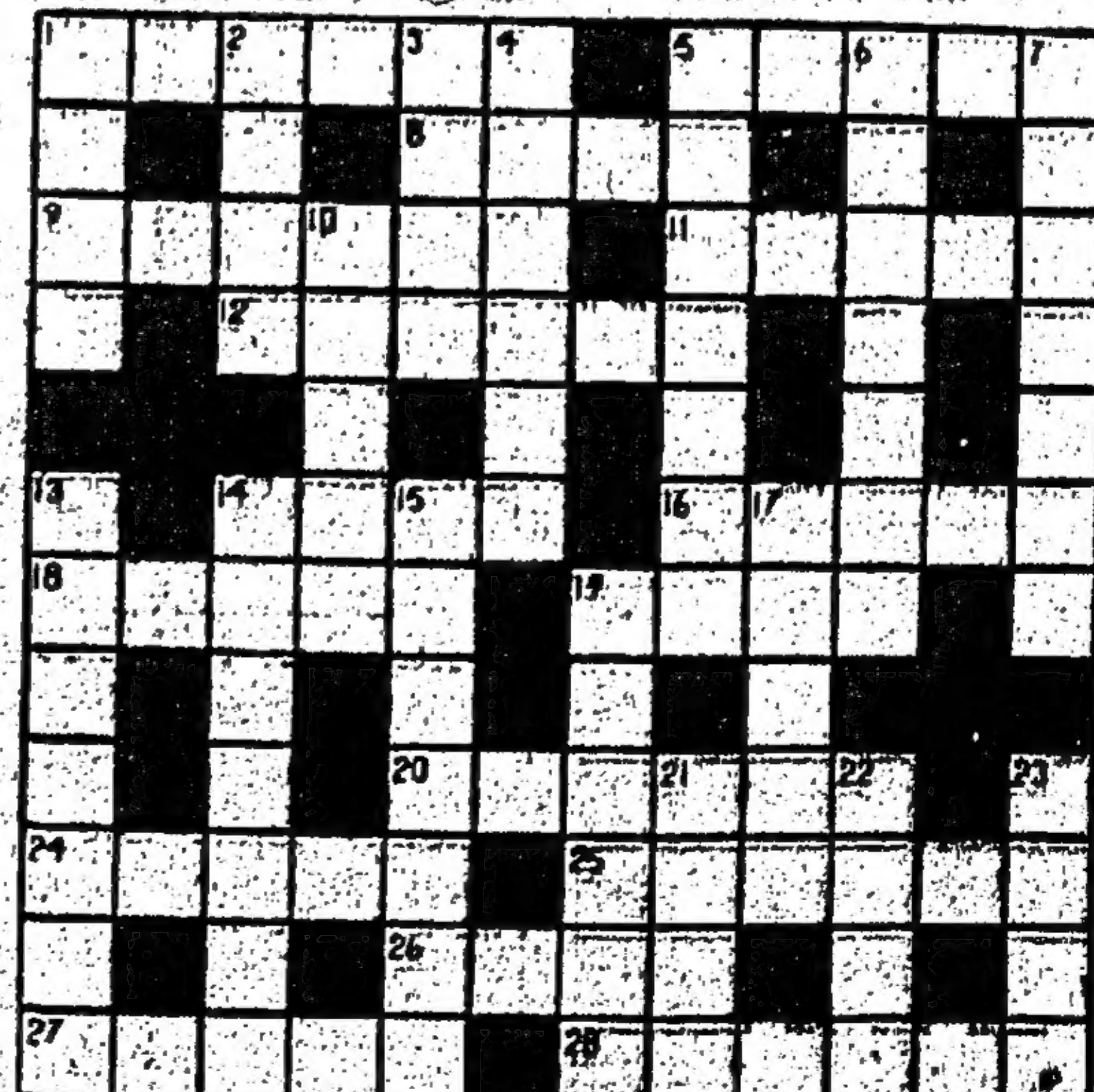
Batavia, Dec. 15. All weaving mills in Indonesia are expected to start production, cigarette output soon expected to reach 100,000,000 per month and breweries expect a production of 12,000,000 litres of beer, according to a review published by the Netherlands Indies Government Information Service.

"For most industries, the supply of raw materials is the principal problem" and "industrial rehabilitation may be only complete when political confusion in Indonesia has been overcome and the work of reconstruction may be started intensively," the announcement pointed out.

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Of the former amount, 400,000 Guilders has so far been repaid. The report said, "considerable quantities" of raw materials had been ordered, "and part of it is already sailing." "The production of (electric light) bulbs will soon reach the pre-war level; the production of paints, sulphuric acid, tiles, roofing tiles, domestic utensils and locks and keys will be started in limited quantities," it said.—Associated Press.

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1. Annoy
3. Frolic
5. Mere
9. Shrink
11. Ship
12. Facial hollow
14. Scorch
16. Glossy
18. Uproar
19. Observe
20. Devise
24. Alloy
25. Artists
26. stunts
27. Smooth
28. Hoarded

### Clues Down

1. Fog
3. Animal fat
3. Shut vio-
4. Medals
5. Free
6. Countries
7. Contrasts
10. Number
13. Distress
14. Small dwal-
15. Helms
17. Anglines
18. Cuts
21. The Orient
22. Rush
23. Secondhand

### Saturday's Crossword

- ACROSS.—1. Robes; 4. Tabler; 6. Genial; 10. Error; 12. Lashed; 14. Dessert; 17. Cell; 19. General; 20. Shorten; 22. Lope; 23. Schemed; 27. Perish; 29. Abode; 30. Lissom; 31. Yields; 32. Stern.
- DOWN.—1. Raged; 2. Banish; 3. Scale; 5. Abet; 6. Larder; 7. Stall; 8. Languor; 9. Lacerate; 13. Shill; 14. Lanes; 15. Lacerate; 16. Lacerate; 17. Lacerate; 18. Lacerate; 19. Lacerate; 20. Lacerate; 21. Lacerate; 22. Lacerate; 23. Lacerate; 24. Lacerate; 25. Lacerate; 26. Lacerate; 27. Lacerate; 28. Lacerate; 29. Lacerate; 30. Lacerate; 31. Lacerate; 32. Lacerate.

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## More Grain Than The

## N.Y. Stock Market

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and for the first time since last March

made it three recoveries in a row.

The short session, displayed mild

irregularity at the start. The level of

prices stiffened as signals met, support

of fractions to a point or more

predominant at the close with scattered

losses over the top points.

Dow Chemical advanced three 1/4,

Monsanto Chemical 3 1/2, and Santa Fe

1 1/2.

Other gains included United Aircraft

and Great Northern.

Buying was attributed partly to hopes

for a year end rally which eventuated

most of the past 40 years.

Trade was around 300,000 shares.

The Dow Jones Average closed

64.43, 20 Industrials 37.23, 15 Rails

61.10, 10 Utilities 37.20.

Closing quotations:-

Adams Express 15 1/4, Alaska Japan

3 1/2, American Can 8 1/4, American

Smelting 5 1/4, American Telephone 16 1/4,

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Steel 7 1/4, Westinghouse 20 1/4, Young-

town Sheet &amp; Tube 7 1/4, Greyhound 33 1/4.

—Associated Press.

## LONDON SILVER &amp; GOLD

London, Dec. 14.

Silver, Spot, per fine oz. 55 1/4, Silver,

Forward per fine oz. 55 1/4, Bar Gold,

Fine, 999.9, London Price Market

Silver, per ounce 60.—Reuter.

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## World Can Eat

## New York Exchanges

London, Dec. 14.

Reports from many parts of the world this week

support the view that more grain has been

grown in the world this season than the world

can eat.

If Argentina's growing maize crop fulfils its

present promise, grain will be hunting for buyers.

The now famous calculation of the International

Emergency Food Council in Washing-

ton that there is a deficit of 10,000,000 tons of

food grain—creating a "sellers' benefit" myth

which was costly to Britain as a world buyer—

has clearly collapsed.

Sugar production, too, has in-

creased by 5,000,000 tons over

last season and gives hope of

more for the British homewife.

Production is not quite enough

for the world demand, but is more

than half way back to pre-war

level, which was too high.

The signs of the breaking of

what had amounted almost to a

"corner" in grain, include:

Canadian Cut

1. The Canadian Government

has recommended a cut in Cana-

da's wheat area by an amount

approximately equal to Britain's

entire wheat acreage. Now, the

Government estimate of prairie

crops of wheat, oats and barley

is 42,000,000 bushels higher than

the Government's own original

estimate.

2. Argentina's maize crop

gives promise of such a big yield

that she may want to export more

than 10,000,000 tons of grain in

1947.

3. Britain's Food Minister

John Strachey has told disillers

that he may be able to allocate

barley for whisky-making as

early as the end of January.

and the latest indications are

that he may do it earlier. Feed

prospects for pig and poultry

producers are much brighter.

Recently they have been get-

ting very little maize from Ar-

gentina and none from America.

The Food Minister has said

there is a real chance that people

in Britain and all over the world

will be feeding pigs on a

larger scale in six months. That

date is well within the present

international grain season and if

there were a deficit of 10,000,000

tons of food grain such actions

would be a crime against

humanity.

## Corner Turned

In fact there will be no crime

because there is no such deficit.

The fact that the world has

grown this season more grain

than it can eat will remain true

even after the de-estimation of

Britain's bread and barley allo-

cations of grain for pigs, poultry,

whiskey and beer which can now

be confidently expected.

There has been a most serious

holdup, and stocks of this side

of the Atlantic got dangerously

low at one stage. But the corner

has been turned.

On the demand side, the "states

requirements" of some countries

are notoriously exaggerated on

the supply side, while the grain

trade press reckons that export-

ing countries have understated

their exportable surpluses by at

least 4,000,000 tons.—Reuter.

## Conference?

Washington, Dec. 15.

The International Wheat Coun-

cil may decide at its midwinter

meeting in January, whether to

call another conference on a post-

war international wheat agree-

ment. The Council's chairman, L.

A. Wheeler said in an advisory

group of Government representa-

tives from major nations in-

terested in world trade in wheat.

Unsuccessful efforts have been

made in the past to obtain agree-

ment on an international pro-

gramme designed to stabilize

prices and supplies, control sur-

pluses and share export markets.

—Associated Press.

## Met Bride And Fiancee

Boston, Mass., Dec. 15.

When former United States

Army aviator Howard Under-

hill of New Ulm, Minnesota,

went down to the pier here, he

met his Australian bride and

his Australian fiancée—the same

girl.

He had been married to 22-

year-old Rose Mitchell of Syd-

ney by trans-Pacific Ocean tele-

phone on July 18—just as she

landed. United States Immigra-

tion Authorities would not re-

cognize that kind of wedding.

So they said she was his

fiancee, not his bride, even

though the State of Minnesota

had recognized the telephone

ceremony as legal. So Aus-

tralian bride posted bond for her

and prepared for a hand-in-

hand ceremony at his mother's

house in Rochester, New York.

—Associated Press.

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## Sporting Page

### HOW WILL THE WICKET BEHAVE TODAY?

(By Norman Preston)

Sydney, Dec. 14.

All kinds of theories will be put forward as to the way the Sydney wicket will behave on Monday when Australia, 228 runs behind with nine wickets to fall, face England's bowlers. With no knowledge of how much more rain will fall and how long the sun will shine, no one can safely forecast which side will benefit. England may, however, find some compensation for their comparatively poor first innings total.

In Bedser, Edrich, Wright, Smith and Compton, England possess a bowling variation which should be suited to whatever conditions prevail but there may be the wish that Voce was available for attacking purposes to exploit the pitch, should it become sticky. Had the weather remained fine, England bowling would have been put to a glorious trial on a sporting pitch that Australia's bowlers used to such good purpose on Friday.

It was a disappointment to the large crowd which paid nearly £5,000 and saw such little cricket. Rain has followed the tourists round the southern and eastern capitals, completely ruining cricket today. Edrich and Bedser did well to keep down Australia's score to 27 in the hour of cricket which took place after the thunderstorm, particularly as the turf, absorbing moisture, probably favoured the batsmen more than the bowlers.

#### Edrich In Form

Edrich was in great form, each of his deliveries needing watching. It should be remembered that two more sharp showers during which the players began to leave the field only to return, left the England bowlers with a greasy ball while footfall was insecure, in spite of the liberal use of sawdust at the end of each of their runs.

Australia's young left-handers Morris remained strictly on the defensive throughout his stay of 45 minutes for five. He has yet to prove that he possesses Test match temperament and turned his back on the ball which dismissed him. He perhaps thought that it would pass outside the off-stump and that seemed to be the direction, but he went too far over and the ball struck back off his left leg and then diverted to the stumps.

Compared with most of Australia's leading batsmen, Morris drives weakly through playing such strokes feebly off the back foot but he is a strong on-side player, which is a valuable virtue in all left-handers.

#### Tallon's Error

Barnes looked fully confident, invariably meeting the ball with the middle of the blade and never hesitating to employ the hook against a short bouncing ball, though he did not always connect.

Tallon after all proved that he was not infallible for, when Ikin had made 50, Tallon was guilty of a bad blunder. He ran across when the Lancashire left-handers edged the ball from Johnson, but dropped the ball after juggling and ruined what would have been an easy catch for Tribe in the slips.

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Liverpool	19	11	4	4	45	28	26
Middlesbrough	18	11	3	4	20	23	25
Stoke City	19	11	2	6	45	24	24
Manchester Utd.	19	9	5	5	44	23	23
Blackpool	20	11	1	8	37	39	23
Preston N.E.	19	9	4	6	36	33	22
Sheff. Wed.	19	9	4	6	34	31	22
Aston Villa	19	9	6	4	30	19	22
Sunderland	19	8	4	7	32	33	19
Chelsea	19	7	4	8	37	41	15
Grimsby Town	18	6	5	7	25	55	17
Bolton W.	19	6	5	8	30	31	17
Charlton A.	19	6	3	10	34	40	15
Everton	18	6	4	8	22	34	14
Barnsford	18	5	10	3	25	41	15
Blackburn R.	19	7	3	9	21	21	17
Derby County	18	7	2	9	35	40	15
Cardiff A.	19	6	3	10	34	40	15
Sheff. Utd.	18	6	4	8	22	34	14
Bradford	18	5	10	3	25	41	15
Leeds Utd.	19	6	8	11	25	39	13
Arsenal	19	5	3	11	28	42	13
Plymouth	18	5	2	11	30	56	12
Huddersfield	19	6	7	13	23	48	11

#### Second Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Newcastle Utd.	19	10	6	3	52	22	26
Hull City	19	9	5	5	27	17	23
Birmingham	20	12	2	6	35	18	26
Manchester C.	18	10	5	3	40	17	23
Sheff. Wed.	18	10	2	6	23	13	25
Sheff. Utd.	19	9	6	4	27	24	24
Leicester C.	19	9	5	5	27	32	21
Plymouth	18	8	5	5	33	32	21
Barnsford	19	8	4	7	40	40	20
Southampton	19	7	6	6	31	29	20
West Brom.	19	7	5	7	38	37	19
Luton	19	7	2	10	35	33	19
Fulham	19	7	4	7	32	37	18
Coventry	19	8	6	5	26	27	24
Sheff. Wed.	18	6	7	5	24	27	21
Notts Forest	19	6	6	7	24	27	21
Swansea T.	19	6	4	9	29	42	14
Millwall	19	6	3	10	24	42	14
Bury	19	6	2	11	28	35	13
Walsley	19	4	6	9	30	41	10
West Ham Utd.	19	5	2	12	24	36	12
Newport C.	18	3	1	14	28	63	7

#### SCOTTISH LEAGUE

##### "A" Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Rangers	15	12	1	2	42	15	25
Hibernian	16	12	2	2	32	17	26
Aberdeen	16	9	4	3	30	18	22
Hearts	16	10	4	2	26	23	24
Morton	16	8	3	5	32	25	19
Clyde	16	6	5	5	30	24	17
Queen's Pk.	16	6	4	6	28	37	16
Park Thistle	16	7	3	6	33	28	16
Third Lanark	16	6	2	7	31	32	14
Bohemian	16	6	1	9	31	41	13
Falkirk	16	7	3	6	30	38	16
Celtic	16	5	3	8	31	37	12
St. Mirren	16	5	2	9	27	37	12
Queen's Park	16	4	2	10	24	36	10
Glasgow Celtic	16	4	2	10	20	35	10
Hamilton	16	4	2	10	20	44	10

##### "B" Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Dundee	13	10	2	1	50	19	22
East Fife	13	7	3	3	38	22	17
Aberdonians	13	6	4	3	27	18	17
Alloa	13	7	1	5	27	22	15
Albion	13	6	4	3	28	25	15
Dunfermline	13	7	3	3	28	29	15
Arbroath	13	6	1	6	19	24	13
Raith R.	13	4	4	5	24	27	12
Johnstone's	13	5	2	6	26	22	12
Dumfries	13	4	3	6	20	22	11
Dundee U.	13	4	3	6	24	28	11
Cowdenbeath	13	4	2	7	22	35	10
Ayr United	13	3	2	8	28	40	8
Stirling Albion	13	1	4	8	15	53	6

#### WORLD RECORD

Amsterdam, Dec. 14. The Dutch women's team at the international swimming contests here tonight established a world record of three minutes and 48.3 seconds for a triple 100-metre alternate stroke relay. The team included the Dutch champions Nel van Vliet and Hanny Termeulen.—Reuter.

### RADIO

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8.00 p.m.—Music Time.	8.30 p.m.—Harold Williams and Bourne-mouth Musical Orch.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.	9.05 p.m.—Chopin: Piano Concerto in B Minor—Alexander Brailowsky.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay: "Navy Minute."	10.00 p.m.—Reminding for Everybody—Made for all Times.
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.	

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### EVANS EXCELS IN GOAL

Highlight of yesterday's Memorial Cup Competition—soccer match at Caroline Hill between Chinese and Navy, which the former won by 2 goals to 1, was the brilliant exhibition of goal-keeping by Evans, the Navy custodian.

The Chinese success was due to their better understanding and vastly superior intermediate line, which held the opposing forwards in a vice-like grip. The Chinese full backs were definitely off form and did not give their usual polished display. Tse Kam-hung, left back, frequently mis-kicked when under pressure. Yu Kai-yan, who had little to do in goal, did not exhibit very much confidence on the few occasions that he was called upon to defend his charge.

The Chinese forward line, spoon-fed by the halves, were given more opportunities to shine than their opposite numbers. They were faster on the ball and disposed of it to the best advantage.

Lee Wai-tong played a hard game, but was too well covered by the Navy defenders to prove really dangerous. The sweeping movements and short rushes of the Chinese were always a source of danger and looked likely to end in goals. Their shooting was very erratic, however, and they were apt to balloon the ball when well placed.

Navy were best served by Evans, whose impeccable display and coolness under pressure were the outstanding features of the game. If it were not for Evans, the Navy would undoubtedly have gone down by a larger margin. Time after time he earned all-round applause for his neat handling of shots from Lee Wai-tong and other Chinese forwards.

The Navy full back and intermediate lines also performed exceptionally well and their solid tackling did not give the Chinese many chances to add to their bag of goals. The intermediate line was, so busily occupied in keeping a watchful eye on Lee Wai-tong & Co. that it did not have many opportunities to keep its own forward line supplied with passes. The result was that they had to forage for themselves.

#### Lack Of Chesion

Once again, the Navy forwards failed to show that cohesion which is so essential to success. They were very nippy and excelled individually, but against a defence such as that possessed by the Chinese, single-handed efforts were not sufficient to produce results.

Winning the toss, Navy elected to defend the town goal. Evans was tested in the first minute of the game, when the Chinese swept down the field following the kick-off. The ball was then transferred to the other end and Tse Kam-hung, harried by Jones and Heggie, miskicked twice and then, in attempting to hook the ball backwards over his head, sent it into his own net to open the scoring for the Navy three minutes after the game had commenced.

After this early reverse, the Chinese put on pressure, but inaccurate shooting by the forwards robbed them of many scoring chances. Lee Wai-tong tried hard to break through on many occasions, but he was usually too slow and the speedy Navy defenders had no difficulty in bundling him off the ball before he could get his foot to it.

### YESTERDAY'S FOOTBALL RESULTS

Chinese	2	Royal Navy	1
Club	8	Chinese Cadre	2
Sing Tao	3	Kia Chee	0
C.A.S.C.	1	R.A.S.C.	0
Wireless Centre	6	South China	1

Following a well executed down-field movement, Cheuk Shek-kam sent across a well placed centre, which Chu Wing-keung neatly headed into the net to score the equaliser.

The Navy then took up the attack and almost went ahead when Yu Kai-yan just managed to get his hands to a rasping shot from Wills and tip it over the cross-bar for a fruitless corner. A period of exciting play followed and in the course of an intensified attack on the Navy goal, Evans brought spectators to their feet as he distinguished himself with the spectacular saving of a pile drivers from the foot of Lee Wai-tong.

Shortly afterwards, Lee Wai-tong managed to gain possession of the ball and, eluding the Navy defence, ran through to put the Chinese in the lead with a fast shot into the left hand corner of the net. Heartened by this success, the Chinese tried hard to increase their lead, but were unable to penetrate the stonewall defence of the Navy. Half time arrived with the score 2-1 in favour of the Chinese.

#### Robust Tackling

After the interval, the Chinese immediately took up the attack, but through the robust tackling of the Navy defenders, they were given very little opportunity to test Evans. A goal netted by Lee Wai-tong was disallowed, much to the dissatisfaction of the Chinese spectators, who were already incensed over the frequent pulling up of Chinese players for petty infringements.

Excitement rose to fever pitch when Lee Wai-tong again broke through, only to have his cannon-like shots blocked once more by Evans.

The game was held up for a brief period while Fay and Wills, who had received injuries in the course of play, left the field for attention. On the return of these two players, Navy took up the attack and for a time enjoyed a greater share of the game.

At one stage it looked as if they would equalise, but faulty shooting and bad positioning deprived them of a chance to at least force a draw. The final whistle came with the ball in midfield and without any chance in the half time score.

#### Teams:

Chinese—Yu Kai-yan, Hau Yung-sang, Tse Kam-hung, Lau Chung-sang, Hui Keng-sing, Fung Kwan-sing, Tse Kam-hung, Chu Wing-keung, Lee Wai-tong, Lui Shiu-wing, Cheuk Shek-kam.

Navy—Evans, Crumme, Pay, Reece, Priddy, Tate, Briscoe, Heggie, Jones, Simpson, Wills.

### DAVIS CUP

Melbourne, Dec. 15. It will probably be Jack Kramer and Ted Schroeder of the American team against John Bromwich and Dinky Pails, of the defending Australian squad, in the singles of the Davis Cup tennis matches here during Christmas week.

The Selection Committee is meeting to pick the defending team and while a formal announcement will not be made until Monday, it was learned authoritatively that Bromwich, Pails, Adrian Quist and Colin Long were chosen.

At the same time, it was indicated that the American team had decided to send Kramer and Schroeder into the singles. The decision would exclude Frankie Parker, who ranks with Schroeder in the new American line.—Associated Press.

### Army H.K. Beat Army Kowloon

A partnership between Lt Phelps and Weld realising over fifty runs enabled Land Forces Hong Kong to defeat Land Forces Kowloon by five wickets in a match played yesterday at Cox's Path.

Geldard and Eardley gave Kowloon a good start but wickets fell regularly after their dismissal and only hard hitting by Wadlow gave them the distinction of achieving treble figures. Cockerill was once again the most successful of the Hong Kong attack and conceded only 21 runs in his fifteen overs. A feature of the fielding was three slip catches by Wellings.

Five wickets fell for fifty runs when Hong Kong made their reply but Phelps and Weld came together to stem the tide and pass the Kowloon score in double-quick time. Weld made use of his long reach to drive the ball with considerable force and played a faultless innings before being bowled by Geldard. Phelps, particularly impressive on the leg side, hit eight boundaries including two sixes at the expense of Tarrant. During the Hong Kong innings, Phillips hit the wicket from thirty yards to run out Wellings.

#### Kowloon

Geldard, c. Lt Phelps, b. Cockerill	20
Eardley, b. Andrews	22
Tarrant, c. Wellings, b. Cockerill	14
Kennedy, lbw, b. Cockerill	1
Tierney, c. Wellings, b. Cockerill	0
Holder, lbw, b. Andrews	1
Potterton, b. Cockerill	0
Phillips, c. Wellings, b. Gibson	7
Wadlow, run out	23
Richards, c. Cpl. Phelps b. Andrews	3
Freshman, not out	0
Extras	4
	100

#### Bowling:

Cockerill 5-21, Andrews 3-43, Gibson 1-11, Lt Phelps 0-4, Cpl Phelps 0-17.

#### Hong Kong

Wellings run out	15
Andrews, b. Kennedy	3
Whitehorn, c. Holder, b. Phillips	3
Jones, lbw, b. Kennedy	2
Lt Phelps, c. Tierney, b. Geldard	54
Cpl Phelps, run out	0
Weld, b. Geldard	23
Brown, c. Eardley b. Phillips	0
Cockerill, b. Geldard	4

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### Bristol City Get KO On Home Ground

London, Dec. 14.

Fog shrouded football in England, but there were, nonetheless, some remarkable results in League and F.A. Cup games, with the biggest shock for forecasters coming from Gillingham, Kent, a non-League club, who knocked out Bristol City, Third Division aspirants for promotion, on their own ground.

Bristol, who had lost only one match at home this season, were a goal up early in the second half, but their opponents, faster and cleverer, hit back gallantly to win by the odd goal of three.

The only other club outside the English League to earn a right to go into the hat for the Third round draw, is Peterborough, but before they can play in the next round, they will have to win their replay at Northampton.

Six Cup ties were drawn and will be played but the amateur cup holders Barn